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SUBJECT: KNESSET ENDORSES GOI CONDEMNATION OF UN
RESOLUTIONS ON PLO

1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI KNESSET NOV 26 OVERWHELMINGLY
DENOUNCED UN RESOLUTIONS ON PLO AND REJECTED ANY
NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORIST GROUPS. FM ALLON STRESSED
ISRAEL'S DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TERRORISM
AND TO PREVENT APPEASEMENT OF ARABS AT ISRAEL'S
EXPENSE WHILE AT SAME TIME VIGOROUSLY CONTINUING
SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI

DISPUTE. DAYAN'S CHARGE THAT ALLON'S STATEMENT
TO KNESSET IMPLIED GOI READINESS TO RECOGNIZE THIRD
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STATEIN THE AREA WAS SHARPLY REFUTED BY GALILI FOR GOVERNMENT.

END SUMMARY.

2. KNESSET NOV 26 PASSED MOTION (A) DENOUNCING UN RESOLUTIONS ON PLO, (B) PROCLAIMING ISRAEL WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS BUT WOULD PURSUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, AND (C) EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO SEVEN NATIONS THAT VOTED AGAINST UN RESOLUTIONS. MOTION WAS JOINTLY FORMULATED BY ALIGNMENT AND LIKUD LEADERS AND RECEIVED SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES EXCEPT RAKAH AND MOKED.

3. IN PRESENTING GOVT STATEMENT (SEE FBIS TA 279755Z 270756Z, 270757Z), FM ALLON NOTED COMPLETE DOMINATION OF UN BY ARAB-SOVIET BLOC AND REITERATED GOVT'S REJECTION OF UN RESOLUTIONS ON PLO ADOPTED NOV 22. HE CHARGED THAT PLO IS NOT A NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT BUT IS MERELY ROOF ORGANIZATION OF TERROR AND MURDER GROUPS. ALLON ANTICIPATED ECLIPSE OF PLO WHICH WOULD PREPARE GROUND FOR RATIONAL SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, AND STATED, "THERE IS ROOM ALONGSIDE STATE OF ISRAEL FOR AN ARAB STATE, OF WHATEVER NAME," WHICH WOULD GIVE EXPRESSION TO PALESTINIAN IDENTITY. ALLON URGED THAT DESPITE UN RESOLUTION, PROSPECTS OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED. HOWEVER IN EVENT OF ANOTHER WAR ALLON WARNED THAT ISRAEL "SHALL CARRY IT THROUGH IN A MANNER WHICH WILL SURPRISE OUR NEIGHBORS." ALLON STRESSED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT YIELD TO THREATS OF WAR, BUT WOULD CONTINUE "TO SEEK AND EXAMINE EVERY POSSIBLE WAY OF PROGRESSING TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE IN THIS AREA."

4. MUCH OF THE DEBATE FOLLOWING ALLON'S STATEMENT CENTERED ON ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING NATIONAL UNITY GOVT, WITH LIKUD, NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY, AND AGUDA RELIGIOUS FRONT SPOKESMEN URGING SUCH A MOVE, WHILE MAPAM MK CONTENDED THAT IT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNAL GOI SHIFT TO EXTREME POSITIONS, CREATE RIFT WITH US, AND PARALYZE GOVT'S ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS.

5. IN OUTLINING REACTION OF MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY TO UN VOTE ON PLO, LIKUD LEADER MENAHEM BEGIN CALLED FOR CONTINUING BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISTS, MORE EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION OF ISRAELI POSITION ABROAD,

AND LARGE-SCALE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS IN
JIDEA AND SAMARIA. PLEA FOR FURTHER WEST BANK
SETTLEMENTS ALSO MADE BY NRP SPEAKERS.

6. ATTACKING ALLON'S REFERENCE TO AN ARAB STATE
ALONGSIDE ISRAEL, "WHATEVER ITS NAME," EX DEFENSE
MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN (IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE
SINCE RETURNING TO ISRAEL LAST WEEK) CHARGED THAT
THE LOGIC OF THIS POSITION WAS CREATION OF A THIRD
STATE, SINCE NOBODY HAS ABOLISHED JORDAN AND AMMAN
HAS DISENGAGED ITSELF FROM WEST BANK. DAYAN
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ARABS MIGHT MODERATE THEIR
STAND AS TACTIC TO ACHIEVE PRELIMINARY GOAL OF
PALESTINIAN STATE COMPRISING WEST BANK AND GAZA, WITH
CONQUEST OF ISRAEL POSTPONED TO LATER DATE. DAYAN
SAID THAT HE FEARED THAT US AND WORSE STILL ISRAEL
MIGHT EVENTUALLY SUCCUMB TO THIS SO-CALLED MODERATE
APPROACH. IN SHORT TERM, MAJOR WAR THREAT WAS
FROM SYRIA AND TO LESSER DEGREE EGYPT, RATHER THAN
FROM PLO, PALESTINIANS OR JORDAN.
DAYAN SAID THAT PLO ISSUE WAS SIDETRACKING
GOI FROM PREPARING APPROPRIATE ANSWER TO SYRIAN
MENACE.

7. IN REFUTING DAYAN'S ALLEGATION RE GOI POLICY ON
DISPOSITION OF WEST BANK,, MINISTER WITHOUT PORT-
FOLION ISRAEL GALILI SAID THAT GOI HAD NOT ALTERED
ITS STATED POLICY IN FAVOR OF ONLY TWO STATES IN
THE AREA. ISRAEL AND A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN
STATE. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, HE ADDED, WOULD NOT INSPECT
TOO CLOSELY THE CREDENTIALS OF MEMBERS OF JORDANIAN
DELEGATION IN TALKS WITH ISRAEL.
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8. COMMENT: KNESSET DEBATE SUMMED UP VIRTUALLY
UNANIMOUS VIEW IN ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO POLITICAL
AND MORAL INVALIDITY OF UN RESOLUTIONS ON
PLO. IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED EFFORTS TO FORM NATIONAL
UNITY GOVT BY THOSE POLITICAL GROUPS
SUPPORTING CONCEPT IN ORDER TO UNIFY NATION IN PERIOD
OF CRISIS. IN ATTACKING FM ALLON'S STATEMENT, DAYAN
AGAIN SIGNALLED HIS HARDLINE POSITION AGAINST
SURRENDERING ISRAELI RULE OVER WEST BANK.
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